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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

Claims 7-19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Original): A method of using an RFID device, comprising the steps of:

- (a) interrogating an item having an RFID element associated therewith;
- (b) inputting information to the device to describe a location;
- (c) determining whether the interrogated item belongs at the location; and
- (d) providing an appropriate signal.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of claim 20, wherein the location has a separate RFID element, and step (b) comprises scanning the RFID element associated with that location.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of claim 20, wherein the item is a library material, and the location is a library storage location.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): A method of using a handheld RFID device for reading information from an RFID element, comprising the steps of interrogating the RFID tags associated with each of a group of items, detecting where within the group of items a desired item should be placed, and providing an indication to the user of that location.

Claims 24-25 (Canceled)

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Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A method of using an RFID device for identifying and locating items having an RFID element associated therewith, comprising:

- (a) providing information to the RFID device identifying a cartlocation;
- (b) interrogating the items with the RFID device by passing the cart through a tunnel to determine the identity of the items; and
- (c) associating the items with the cartlocation.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the cartlocation has a separate RFID element, and wherein step (a) comprises interrogating an RFID element associated with the cartlocation.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the method further includes the step of arranging and interrogating the items in a series, so that the RFID device can determine the location of one item with respect to other items.

Claim 29 (Original): The method of claim 26, wherein the items are library materials

Claims 30 – 31 (Canceled)

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~26~~³⁰, wherein step (c) comprises passing the RFID device into or through the cart.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the cartlocation includes a shelf having an antenna associated therewith.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 26, further including the step of:

- (d) displaying the items and their respective locations within the cart.

Claim 35 (Original): The method of claim 26, further including the step of:

- (d) downloading the information in step (c) to a computer.

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Claims 36–39 (Canceled)

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A method of locating an item of interest associated with an RFID element among a larger group of items each associated with an RFID element, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a card having an RFID element;
- (b) transmitting information related to an item of interest to the card and storing that information in the RFID element;
- (c) positioning RFID card readers at positions near the item of interest;
- (d) interrogating the RFID card with the RFID card reader; and
- (e) providing an indication of the location of the item of interest relative to the location of the RFID card reader.

Claim 41 (Original): The method of claim 40, wherein step (e) comprises providing a visual display of the location of the item of interest.

Claim 42 (Original): The method of claim 41, wherein the visual display comprises a map of the area including the item of interest.

Claim 43 (Original): The method of claim 40, wherein the item of interest is a library material, and the larger group of items comprise other library materials.

Claims 44–50 (Cancelled)